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COD FARE FROM VIRGIN ROCKS.

SCH. ATHLETE BRINGS SECOND LARGEST FARE OF THE SEASON.

This morning brought one fishing arrival at this port, sch. Athlete, Capt. Thomas Benham, arriving during the night with a fine fare, 230,000 pounds of salt cod the result of her second dory handline trip this season. The Athlete has been to the Virgin Rocks along with a few others of the late stayers of the fleet and struck quite good fishing. The fare is the largest second trip thus far this season and at the prevailing high prices will bring a big stock and an unusually fine share for the crew.

The torchers brought over 75 barrels of fine large herring last night, but had none of the small ones which have been so plentiful the past week. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Athlete, Virgin Rocks, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Rhodora, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Torchers, 70 bbls. fresh large herring.
Sch. Buema, shore.
Sch. Elvah L. Spurling, shore.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Alice, shore.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore.
Sch. Athena, shore.
Sch. Alva L. Spurling, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Harriet, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Thalia, shore.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, shore.
Sloop Diana, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Rhodora, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Clintonia, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.
Sch. Jubilee, pollocking.
Sch. Hope, pollocking.
Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.
Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, pollocking.
Sch. Eglantine, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.15; snappers, \$3.
Bank halibut, 15c per lb., right through for white and gray.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.
Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.
Dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.
Handline Georges cod, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50.

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High Liner of Provincetown Fleet.

Most of the Provincetown fishing vessels have hauled off for the winter, and Capt. Manuel C. Santos, who was at T wharf Wednesday morning with his schooner, the Mary C. Santos, will follow the example of his fellow captains. Capt. Santos has for the past six years held the title of high-liner of the Provincetown fishing fleet. This year, although his actual time of fishing was less than nine months, he claims a stock of \$50,000, which is not only the largest he has made, but is the record for Provincetown. Last year his stock was \$40,000. Next to Capt. Santos comes Capt. Frank Gaspa of the Matchless, with a stock of \$40,000.

Making Money on Halibut.

The San Juan Fishing & Packing Company has anchored a large barge at Scow Bay, Wrangell Narrows, on the Pacific coast, and is buying the halibut in cargo lots from the schooners, and also selling fuel oils and salt. Nearly all the halibut fishermen out of Ketchikan are selling to the New England Fish Company of Ketchikan. The New England Company is supplying the fishermen with frozen herring for bait. While not equal to fresh bait it is considered, in winter, superior to the salt.

The Indian fishermen who outfitted for halibut have proved clever at the game. They have cleaned up good money.

The price of halibut varied greatly during October. In the early part it brought eight cents a pound in Seattle; later in the month it dropped to seven cents, and at times the fish sold for five, four, three, two and a half and one and a half cents.

Mackerel Caught on Maine Coast.

Mackerel are being caught off Monhegan.

That was the news received in Portland by telephone Tuesday afternoon and it caused a goodly amount of surprise. About everybody in the fishing business had come to the conclusion that the mackerel fishing for this year was done for.

This does not seem to be the case, however, for a school or a part of a school has struck into the eastward and are being caught off Monhegan. They are big fish too, weighing three or four pounds, larger than the average ones that have been caught this year. Those that were caught Tuesday have been shipped to J. W. Trefethen at Portland.

Mackerel in Cape Cod Traps.

Cape Cod traps are watched carefully for mackerel now, and Tuesday, in one of the traps mixed with the herring and other fish, the men who hauled it found 600 large mackerel.

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Fooing the Fish With Fake Roe.

Experiments have been carried out in the Bay of Biscay, some 100 miles off Belle Isle, by eight fishing boats, under the control of a French government guard ship, to ascertain whether artificial roe could replace cod roe as bait for sardine fishing. The artificial roe is made of fish refuse; its color is brown and it is granulated like fish eggs. The price of this roe is much lower than that of the Norwegian cod roe, now almost exclusively used. The only disadvantage of the artificial roe is that it is too heavy and goes too quickly to the bottom, with the result that it keeps the fish out of reach of the nets. The eight fishing craft engaged in the experiment have made fine catches, varying from 10,000 to 15,000 fish each. A further trial is to be made with lighter roe, and if this is satisfactory the new bait will be distributed on board some of the boats for a final test.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. John Hays Hammond, Avalon and Veda M. McKown were at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and cleared.
Schs. Colonial and Georgie Campbell were at Shelburne, N. S., on Monday.

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New Fishing Boat Developed.

The establishment of the New England Fish Company's cold storage plant at Ketchikan has furnished a good market in Southeastern Alaska for halibut, and is developing a new type of fishing boat, smaller than the regular schooner because it is not necessary for them to fish in outside waters. A number of these have been launched at Ballard recently and have left for Ketchikan or Petersburg to take part in the winter's fishing.

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Big Money for Fishermen.

The fishermen from Northern Alaska who have returned to San Francisco, have been paid off. Between 2,500 and 3,000 men received between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000. The Alaska Packers, the North Alaska Salmon Company and the Naknek Packing Company and others contributed to the amount.

LAST SALT TRAWL BANKER IS HOME

SCH. ARETHUSA ONLY VESSEL TO MAKE THREE TRIPS THIS SEASON.

With the arrival here this morning of the sch. Arethusa, the last of the salt trawl bank fleet is home and the season is over. Sch. Arethusa is a big knockabout and is the only craft in the fleet to make three trips this season. Her regular skipper, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, after making two monster trips in record time, was suddenly taken ill just as he was about to sail and was rushed to the hospital, while the vessel was held here. Under physician's orders he remained ashore for the rest of the season, while the craft went out on her third trip in command of Capt. James Wise.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Augustus Peterson, of the halibut fleet, is home this morning with a fare which will mean a good financial return for all concerned. The vessel has been fishing off Cape Sable and on LaHave Bank and despite the hard weather a good trip was drilled up. The craft hails for 12,000 pounds of halibut, 30,000 pounds of salt cod, 20,000 pounds of fresh fish and 2000 pounds of flitches.

Some of the haddock fleet are down from Boston for bait and the torchers last night, brought over 100 barrels of large herring.

Quite a large fleet of the shore boats and pollockers went out last night but it is doubtful if the former get a chance to make a set, though the latter may do some fishing. During the forenoon some of the fleet came back for harbor.

During the forenoon four of the pollock fleet came in with small catches and sold to the splitters.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Corona, LaHave Bank, 12,000 lbs. halibut, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. flitched halibut.
Sch. Arethusa, salt trawl banking, 140,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Susan and Mary, via Boston.
Sch. Mooanam, via Boston.
Sch. Harriet, shore.
Torchers, 100 bbls fresh herring.
Sch. Triton, Jonesport, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. James and Esther, shore.
Sch. Lillian, shore.
Sch. Nekomis, shore.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, shore.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, shore.
Sch. Valentina, shore.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.
Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, shore.
Sch. Genesta, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Patriot, shore.
Sch. Olympia, shore.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, shore.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore.
Sch. Emerald, shore.
Sch. Marguerite, shore.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore 2500 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Grace Otis, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Alice, haddocking.
Sch. Buema, haddocking.
Sch. Genesta, haddocking.
Sch. Athena, haddocking.
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.
Sch. Topsail Girl, haddocking.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
Sch. Rhodora, haddocking.
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
Sch. Mary J. Ward, haddocking.
Sch. Dixie, haddocking.
Sch. Leo, haddocking.
Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddocking.
Sch. Emerald, pollocking.
Sch. William H. Rider, pollocking.

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NO FROST AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

Herring Running in Size and Quality About as Last Season.

Telegrams from Bay of Islands, N. F., last night state that sch. Mystery is the only craft loaded and sailed to date. The dispatches also state that there has been no frost as yet, that the fishing is good and that the herring are running about the same for size and quality as last season, which means fine stock indeed.

Dispatches from Bonne Bay, N. F., state that there are some herring there, but that they are small, running about as they did last year.

Sch. Dauntless is fitting for a Newfoundland herring trip. Capt. Carl C. Young, her owner, will go down to Bay of Islands, N. F., over land, to superintend the loading of his craft.

Up to last night the sailings for the Newfoundland herring fishery numbered 40, and there are enough more crafts on the list to go, to bring the total number up to handy 50 sail.

Portland Fish News.

While only a few boats came into Portland Wednesday, the fishing receipts were about as large as they have been any other day this week. The largest trip of all was that of sch. Mertis H. Perry which had 25,000 pounds, sch. Lochinvar with 12,000, sch. Fanny Reed with 10,000, sch. Katie L. Palmer had 10,000 pounds.

Portland fishermen were feeling fairly happy Wednesday. Large herring were being used for bait and this fact made them feel that fishing might be worth while after all.

With the possible exception of a very few lines Wednesday was about the first day this fall that large herring have been used to bait trawls. They have been scarce and what few have been received have been held at pretty high price.

A few of the herring catchers are still at work in spite of the fact that the sardine factories have mostly ceased operations. The steamer E. N. Brown was in Wednesday with 41 barrels of large herring which she found up in a creek at Scarborough, and which netted her a good price, while the little sloop Bennie brought in 50 barrels of smaller size, which were sold for lobster bait.

Splitting Prices for Pollock Raised.

The splitting price of pollock has taken another raise, caused probably by the fact that but few fares have come in to the splitters, as the catch up to date has not been large and the market has been able to take care of about all that came at figures ranging from \$1.25 to \$2 per hundred weight. Yesterday the splitting price of dressed pollock was advanced from \$1.15 to \$1.25 and round pollock went up from \$1 to \$1.15.

Herring at Cape Negro.

There was a plentiful run of herring at Cape Negro Island at the close of last week. Steamer Gertrude M. brought thence 40 barrels for F. B. Lent & Co., Clark's Harbor, on Friday. Next morning all the nets made good hauls. Four American vessels baited there that day. Eben F. Nickerson bought 100 barrels for the above company. Codfishing improved at the same time, and some fine fares were landed.

Bank Fishery Near Its Close.

The salt bank cod fishing season at this port is rapidly drawing to a close. All the trawl bankers are now home and but six of the dory handliners remain to arrive, schs. Tattler, Aloha, Gossip, Olga, Arkona and Muriel.

Today's Fish Market.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.15; snappers, \$3.

Bank halibut, 11 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray, heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Handline Georges cod, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50.

FISH FAMINE
AT T WHARF.ONLY THREE POLLOCKERS AT
BOSTON SINCE YESTERDAY
MORNING.

T wharf this morning is about as near a real out-and-out fish famine as it has been for a long time, for the sum total of all the arrivals since yesterday morning is just three, and they are pollockers.

There is not a pound of haddock, hake or cod in the dock and what the dealers would not do in the way of price, to a fare which might happen to shoot in during the forenoon isn't worth talking about.

In the three pollock trips in are 26,000 pounds and the price is \$1.50.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Galatea, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Tecumseh, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Margie Turner, 8000 pollock.

Pollock, \$1.50 per cwt.

Fishermen Killing Their Own Business.

The following communication from Joseph Tirrell of East Weymouth appeared in the Boston Globe a few days ago:

I read in the Globe an account of the hard luck of the mackerel fishermen. If you remember, some 12 years ago I wrote an article for your paper about what the fishermen were doing—seining up the mackerel before they spawned, going out early in the spring and catching all they could, not looking ahead for the next year. This is what has killed the business. I have been fishing for 62 years and there were plenty of mackerel in the old-line fishing days, and when they began seining they had good fishing for a few years. Then they began to fall off year by year, and now they are about killed off. What are we going to do about it? Give us some law to protect them until they spawn or they will never come back to our waters. The fishermen have killed their own business.

Smelts Coming Forward Freely.

The smelt season in the provinces and on the Maine coast is now in full work, and the fishermen are taking large quantities. Boston receives her share and the cold weather keeps the fish in excellent condition. The dealers expect to get the smelts frozen soon, when the price will be made lower than now. Yesterday morning there were over 30 barrels of smelts received from the provinces and as many boxes from the Maine fishermen.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Corona sold to the New England Fish Company at 11 3-4 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray, the fish being sold with the heads on.

Shipped Halibut From Shelburne, N. S.

Sch. Teazer of this port, was at Shelburne, N. S., a few days ago and landed 6000 pounds of fresh halibut, shipping them to the Boston market.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Triton from Jonesport, Me., for this port, with cured fish, was at Portland Wednesday.

Sch. Constellation was at Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared.

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LUNENBURG FAVORS RECIPROCITY

Would Give Americans Shore Fisheries in Return For Free Markets.

Believe Provincials Could Control the Boneless Fish Trade.

T. M. Fraser of the editorial staff of the Halifax Chronicle has recently made a tour of the Nova Scotia south shore and western counties to learn how the matter of reciprocity with the United States is viewed by the fish merchants, vessel owners and fishermen there.

In one of the articles which the Chronicle is publishing over Mr. Fraser's signature, appears the following interviews with well known Lunenburg fish people, also some of the general conclusions of Mr. Fraser himself. It will be found very interesting reading here at the present time. The article says:

"The general consensus of opinion in Lunenburg, among fishermen, vessel owners and others, is in favor of 'Free Fish for Free Fishing.' Some think the Americans already enjoy wide enough privileges under the *modus vivendi*; others would give them the privilege of fishing within the three mile limit, except for lobsters and mackerel (with purse seines.)

Zwicker & Co. Would Remove Restrictions, Except on Lobsters.

"Zwicker & Co., one of the oldest and best known firms in the business, expressed themselves as follows:—

"We have always maintained that the Nova Scotia fishermen can well afford to give the American fisherman free access to our shore fisheries, subject, of course, to the restriction imposed on our fishermen, in exchange for a free market for fish in the United States, and her colonies, for example, Porto Rico. In speaking of free access to our shore fisheries, we of course, do not include lobsters, this, we think, should be kept for our own people, and perpetuated as long as possible. Under no condition should they be granted the lobster privilege. Their ships could of course come on our coast and buy bait, and if necessary fish for it themselves, ship their catch in bond to the states, but should not be granted any trading privileges whatever.

"Our market is steadier than that of Gloucester, which is a weak market and goes down with a little glut. If we had a very large fleet here, the surplus might go over there. Twenty-five years ago we had more fish here than we could handle, and a good many fish went there then. I have bought surplus Gloucester fish and taken them here. They were heavy salted fish, which we dried on our wharves and sent to Porto Rico."

Free Fish Would Build Up the Nova Scotia Fleets.

"Mr. Hawkins, agent of the Bank of Montreal, said: 'Reciprocity would be in the interest of the fishermen. In the old days the chief trade of Lunenburg was with Porto Rico and we would get back that trade. American fishermen are not able to compete with us now, as it costs them more to produce fish than it does us. More

ships would come here to outfit. Two-thirds of the American fishermen come down here in winter time to fish on the LaHave Banks. Reciprocity would encourage our own men to go into the winter fishing. They are doing a little at it now, but if they had access to the American market, many more would go into it. Subject to our regulations, I think our fishermen would favor letting Americans fish inside the three-mile limit, in exchange for free fish.

"The payment of men is becoming more prompt every year. Today, (Nov. 1st.) all the spring trip is settled for, and much of the summer trip, so far as my customers are concerned. In many cases where this is not done, it is due to the captains not calling for their money. In the old days they never thought of settling up until after Christmas, but that has been done away with to a large extent. Free fish will be a benefit not only to the fishermen, but to the merchants. Perhaps Halifax would feel it adversely. The American buyers would come down here to buy fish. I think reciprocity would have the effect of keeping our men at home, instead of sending them to Gloucester."

Advantages Which Accrue to the Dominion Under Reciprocity.

"Here are some general conclusions arrived at after a discussion of the question with representative fishermen, captains, vessel owners and others interested directly or indirectly in the industry:—

"There are about 75% of Maritime Province men in the Gloucester ships. Reciprocity would bring the most of them back.

"It would be better for all concerned if the fish were all sold green, and allowed to be distributed as they are in Gloucester. The idea of parcelling out the fish for different men to dry is out of date.

"Even under the advantage of 84 cents a quintal, the Americans have never been able to get the Porto Rico market away from us.

"Under reciprocity we could take the box trade wholly away from the Americans, as we can produce the fish, the boxes, the labor and everything else necessary cheaper than they can.

"If the Americans were given the privilege of fishing within the three mile limit, it would not amount to much, as they could not use purse seines for mackerel, according to Canadian law, and the cod fishing is inconsiderable.

"They might be given the privileges they now enjoy under the *modus vivendi*, and even have the tonnage tax removed, for free fish. The majority would allow them to fish inside the three-mile limit for everything except lobsters and mackerel with purse seines.

"No trust could control the fish business. The American people and the fish merchants as well want free fish. The only ones opposed to it are the fishermen of Gloucester."